GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4564
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2002
DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTES
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that many hospitals run by States as well as Centre in major cities of the country are still not paying attention towards proper disposal of medical wastes despite rules framed in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are considering to take strict action against the hospitals which have failed in implementation of the said rules; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) The Bio-medical Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 prescribe a schedule for setting up of waste management facilities by institutions generating bio-medical wastes. The target dates vary from 30th June 2000 to 31st December 2002 depending upon the location and bed capacity of hospitals. The State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) o Union Territories have been designated as the Prescribed Authority to grant of authorization for handling of bio-medical wastes. As per a report of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), during 2000-2001, against a total of 2,124 applications received for grant of authorization, 1,795 authorizations were granted.

(c)&(d) SPCBs/PCCs have identified health care establishments which need to comply with the provisions of the Bio-medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998. The CPCB has asked all the SPCBs/PCCs to initiate action against the defaulting healt care facilities.